



**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**November 14, 2022**

**Meeting held at 302 Dulles Dr. Lafayette, LA. 70506. Auditorium #4.**

**Members Present:** **Elizabeth West (Chair)** (Governor Appointment/Evangeline Parish); **Quinta Thompson (Secretary)** (Governor Appointment/Lafayette Parish); **Yasmin Welch** (Lafayette Parish); **Carla Jean Batiste** (St. Martin Parish); **John Stefanski** (Acadia Parish); **Micah Moscovis** (St. Landry Parish); and **Darce` Byrd** (Governor Appointment/Lafayette Parish)

**Members Absent:** **Carol Broussard** (Iberia Parish); **Vacant** (Vermilion Parish); **Vacant** (Evangeline Parish).

**Others in Attendance:** Brad Farmer, Executive Director; and Gretchen Sudwischer, Administrative Assistant.

- A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order 3:32 pm by Elizabeth West.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Chair, Elizabeth West, and recited by attendees.
- Roll call performed and new Board Member, Darce` Byrd was introduced and welcomed as the seated Board Members introduced themselves.
- No members of the public were present.
- Notice of the meeting was posted and copy of Open Meeting Law was available. No member of the public present.
- A motion was made by Micah Moscovis and seconded by Carla JeanBatiste to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
- Comments from the Chair:
  - Board Advocacy Reports
    - Discussion by Carla JeanBatiste as to concerns of the education system with responses from Quinta Thompson.
  - Agenda Calendar Items: Executive Limit: Financial Condition and Activities (Policy 1.5) Board Vote – accept or not accept Executive Director Report
    - After discussion and review, a motion was made by Micah Moscovis and seconded by Yasmin Welch to accept the Executive Director report. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Report from Bylaws Committee

- Discussion as to proposed Bylaws revisions and suggested revisions to be made
        - ❖ Article II – in the sentence beginning with “The governing authority which, etc.” **(only the word “which” to be deleted);**
        - ❖ Article IV – in section 1. Duties, **c. The Treasurer (1) Shall assist the Board to create and periodically review all Board policies related to or that bear on financial matters (remove subsection c. in its entirety / to be deleted);**
        - ❖ Article IV – in section 2. Election, c. Voting, in the sentence “At all meetings, **except for** the election of officers” **(the words “except for” to be deleted);** and (A) in the sentence **“For election of officers, ballots shall be provided.” (entire sentence to be deleted).** After discussion and review, the proposed revisions will be voted on at the December meeting.
  - Report from Nomination Committee
    - Will be visited after today’s regular Board meeting.
  - Meeting schedule for December, January, and February
    - After discussion and review of the upcoming calendar, the Board has approved the following meeting dates: December 19, 2022, January 9, 2023, and February 13, 2023.
- Comments from the Executive Director:
  - New programs update
    - Discussion regarding new funding and use of funds; ECSS is proposed again, RFI is due by December 30, 2022.
  - CCBHC grant award
    - Discussions as to the current status. Disparity Impact report due by the end of November and job descriptions are still in review.
  - Legislative Audit CAP
    - The Board has agreed to re-visit Corrective Action Plan and Risk Management issues annually unless any changes or concerns arise.
  - An update is given on Meredith’s Place in Scott, a 16 bed Addictive Disorder residential treatment center for pregnant women or women with dependent children.
  - ED participated in the Suicide Prevention Walk held on Saturday, November 12, 2022 and noted it was a great success.
  - Discussion as to the upcoming Christmas Extravaganza scheduled for December 3, 2022 from 12 pm – 4 pm at the Comeaux Recreation Center in Lafayette, LA.
- Next meeting to be conducted on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 3:15 pm. Meeting notices will be sent out and posted.
- Motion to adjourn by Carla JeanBatiste and seconded by Quinta Thompson. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned 4:36 pm.

Submitted by: 

Quinta Thompson, AAHSD Board Secretary